## LOYALHOMEWORKERS



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E. S. WILES. MARY LUTES. E. S. Wilks, Verona, Mo., son of W. R. Wilks, 1st Ark, Cav., is First Sergeant, J. B. Foraker Camp, No. 53, Black hair and brown eyes; hight, six feet; fond of music and travel; a farmer, and member of the Baptist Church. Mary Lates, Wymore, Neb., only daughter of

Wm. H. Lutes, Co. E. 10th Iowa; was born near Chariton, Iowa. She is a studious and energetic girl, of the kind that is making Nebraska noted among the States for its able women.



Ala Watte and Vina M. Todd are two fast friends of Altamont, Kan. Ala is the 19-year-old daughter of a veteran and member W.R.C. light complexion and auburn hair. Vina M. Todd, daughter of J. J. Miles, Co. E. 6th Ind. Cav., is 18, and was married to A. J. Todd July 18, 1889. She is a member of Topping Corps, No. 58.



W. H. GALL. JOHN J. GALL. W. H. Gall joined the C. C. in 1887, and has been a constant reader of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for three years. His father wasa 138th Ind. veteran; a resident of South Carolina 18 years; the only Union veteran in Catawha County so far as known. W. H. was born in Hamilton County, Ind., in 1860; is a cabinetmaker, and has traveled through the West. John J. Gall was born in Hamilton County, Ind., Feb. 5, 1872, where he resided three years. Since then he has resided in different parts of western North Carolina. His home has been in Maiden, N. C., since March 3, 1888, where his father now serves as Postmuster, and he as Assistant Postmaster and Station Agent for the R. & D. R.R.Co. This picture was taken four years ago.

A NICE POSTSTOOL. DEAR H. H.: I send for the use of C. C. direc-

tions for making a footstool. Get seven cans (I used tomato cans) and fasten them securely together with tape; the cans should be then tied in a circle, so one can will be in the center and six around it; cover with some substantial cloth, and over that carpet, plush or anything you wish may be used. The top of the stool may be embroidered and finished with cord and tassel. Anyone wishing my patterns will please write, as I will be glad to send them.—Edith Haines, East St. Louis,

The Happy Household,

One and one-half cups sugar; one-half cup of butter; sugar and butter beaten to a cream; one egg; one cup milk; two and one-half cups flour; two and one-half teaspoons baking powder. This cake should have an icing of some kind between layers. One made after this recipe is very nice; One plat milk, one egg, one and one-half tablespoonful corn starch, two of sugar; flavor when CHOCHETED ELIPPERS.

DEAR H. H.: As some of the C. C. members have asked for directions for crocheted slippers, I send directions which I know are nice.

With Germantown yarn and a bone hook make a chain of 10 stitches. Turn the work, and missing the stitch on the book, make a double crochet in the back of every stitch, increasing by making three in the center stitch. You now have 17 stitches on your work, slightly pointed in the center, Turn the work again and crochet back and forth each time increasing in the center as before, and taking up only the back loop of every stitch, which makes the work ribbed. When 10 ribs are thus formed take the first 20 stitches on one side and crochet back and forth, without increase in width until you have a strip long enough to reach around the ankle. Fasten this to the other side of the foot. Finish the top with a row of scallops, erochet a cord and run in and out, and tie in front with tassels. Sew the lower edge to a cork sole. - Della Connely Kansooth, W. Va. Conversation Club.

Rules of the Club,-1, Write briefly, 2. Write only on one side of the paper. 3. Write to the point, 4. Write on one subject, 5, Write your best, Bend answers to all puzzles for use of Editor. Each week the numes of those writing the best letterseral merit considered-will be named at the head | mothers have done before them. on the Honor Roll. First honor will include all of these requirements. Second honor will include a deficiency in some one point.

No others will be named. HONOR BOLL-REST LETTERS. First Honor-Julius W. Gogara, Hallston, Mich.

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West Troy, N. Y. Editor's Chat. Good friends, all! Remember the request to send forward no exchange, or similar wants, for three weeks from the time you read this. In this, as in

the affairs of life generally, you must bide your time in patience. Stella Green, Ulysses, Pa., asks: "If a telegraph wire was cut in two, would the current of electricity e connected by a person taking hold of each end of

Nary, Lieut. Samuel Sexton Camp, 1329 Broadway,

the broken wire? To this the Editor would reply, that a person properly insulated who grasped the severed ends of the wire would complete the circuit, and the opening and closing of a telegraph key on the line would be felt as a series of shocks. If, for instance, he stood in a pair of dry leather boots, the current would be uninterrupted; but if the boots were wet it would pass to the ground. So says a prominent

PEO PATRIA.

PRIENDS OF THE C. C.: Since Michigan whispers quite seldom, I will, in may humble way, break the ceneral monotony by whispering my say, providing

By turning the "9" in 1890 upside down, has it yet occured to you to compare the dark forebodings of our Republic 30 years ago with the present relization of nuity, power, strength, peace and prosperity on every side? Have you ever measred the incalculable cost of loyal blood it took to quell the rebellion from Fort Sumter to Appomattox, and how much gratitude we owe to loya'ty that came to the country's rescue in its time of great peril? Should we not always keep that green in our memories of those, both living and dead, who sacrificed so much that the life of our Nation might be preserved?

It is a grand principle of the Sons of Veterans . S. A., to prohibit political topics within their Camps, yet they are bound to stand by the defenders of the Union until they are justly recognized by our Government and fully compensated for their

Why should not the bounty be equalized of them that were first to the rescue? Were they not the cream of the country's loyalty as well as those that got bounties? In the tone of the words of ex-Commander-in Chief, G.A.R., Hon, Wm. Warner, at the last Na-tional Encampment, "Our fathers' cause is ours

we are justly proud of their records. Being young and knowing our strength, we feel we should be assigned a place in the line to help fight their battles; we have read the story of liberty, sung the songs they sang, and aglow with the fires of patriotism, we stand ready to march to their assist-Come, then, one and all, let us rally to our stand-

ard and be and ever remain loyal to principle, truth and justice, victory ultimately being ours Let us all stand by the good old NATIONAL TRIBUSE. our advocate, and appoint ourselves each a committee of one to secure at least one new subscribe: before Dec. 31 next, and so continue year by year; hen things will soon be as they should, when it will be read in every home. Who will support the motion? Long life and best success to THE THIB-UNE and C. C .- Julius W. Gogarn, Hallston, Mich. DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: I, a daughter of a veteran and a nember of the W.R.C., am trying to organize a Daughters of Veterans Tent in Keokuk, Iowa. do not see why we cannot have a Daughters of Veterans as well as the Sons of Veterans. I think the W.R.C. an excellent Order, but so few young people will join. It is, I think, very natural that young people should work together; and I think, although an independent Order, that we can, if we will, do as much good as the W.R.C. Our mothers. as well as our fathers, will not live always, and someone ought to take their places when they are gone, as well as the sons who should take the place of their fathers, and if the daughters will not come into the Relief Corps we ought to think of another style, composition, spelling, penmanship and gen- plan to bring them out in such public work as their

What would the Grand Army of the Republic do. were it not for the Woman's Relief Corps? Now, what will the Sons of Veterans do without the Daughters of Veterans? I should like to hear from every Daughters of Veterans organization in the United States, and an encouraging word from every one,-Mollie Robertson, Keokuk, Iowa.

VALUE OF LITTLE THINGS. PRIESDS OF THE C. C.: One little seed may, with the help of a few grains of sand and a few drops of rain, become a beautiful plant, on which may grow

beautiful flowers-one to adorn a bride, one to gladden some and heart, another to rest in the and or hair of some dear friend who has gone before to the beautiful shore. A tear may cause someone to turn from evil to to persevere. Being a little behindhand may be

good. A word of praise will give one more energy the cause of your losing a good situation which you may wish very much to obtain. It is a little thing to show an aged person some slight kindness or attention, but it shows the gentleman or lady. "It is the little fox that spoils the grapes," and it s the little but important matters that decide comfort, both for ourselves and others.-A. L. Hallen beck, Gloversville, N. Y.

PLANNING FOR REUNION.

FRIENDS OF THE C. C.: The marvelous growth of the C. C. during the last year has brought it to a point where its vast numerical strength, its im mense social and moral force, it seems to me, might be utilized to greater practical advantage than it now is. It is all very pleasant indeed to enjoy its social and literary privileges, both by the paper, and also in epistolary correspondence, etc.; but I am profoundly impressed that the aggregation of such otential forces might, with the grand opportunity before us, be wielded to some more important, defi-nite, practical end, commensurate with its power, Now a few words of suggestion: Not only should there be a reunion of C. C. friends at the National Encampment at Boston, but there should be a permanent organization effected, a National organiza-

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria,

## tion, as much as the G. A.R. or the W.R.C., yet to be

entirely distinct from them, to meet at all their National annual Encampments. Further than this just now, I wait for any ideas, hints or suggestions as to what the possible or proper object should be of such an organization on the line of progress and patriotism, either through the columns of our be loved paper, or to me by letter. Pro Patria.-Rev. R. F. Emerson, East Rochester, N. H.

FROM FLOWERY FLORIDA. DEAR C. C. FRIENDS: To-day, while sitting in an prange grove, idly listening to the varied notes of a mocking-bird, my thoughts fly back to my frostound Northern home, and I wonder how many of my friends would like to hear from Florida. The climate here is delightful; the tropical and evergreen scenery very beautiful. Roses, pansies, viots, verbenas and many other flowers are in full loom; the wild woods are fragrant with flowers; the sweet jasamine, so famed in verse and song,

grows here in the wildest profusion. We have a pretty Southern home on the banks the St. John's River, orange groves all around us, and one of Fiorida's moss-draped forests in the rear. The famous Twin Oaks are within two minute's walk ; under their grand and spreading shade our young folks swing in hammocks. These two oaks are ancient landmarks, growing on top of an Indian grave or mound, in which hundreds of eminole Indians were buried, after an engagement with the Spaniards. They are only a few feet apart, both nearly 100 feet high and 150 feet cross from limb to limb. The heautiful Florida noss grows in their massive tops, and droops from he branches in graceful festoons yards in length. In the twillight it presents rather a lone, wierd appearance, stiently swaving its buce arm-like penents to and fro with every breeze, reminding one of the ghost and hobgoblin stories of early childgood. The mosa is lovely for decorating, and much of it is earried North by tourists for that purpose; ben kept moist it will continue growing. of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE readers who would like a package of the moss may have it and welcome by ming stamps to pay the postage. There is plenty of it near by, and I have ample time to oblige all; besides, I think it just fun to receive and answer a lot of letters. Although a bit bashful, I rather enjoy people staring when the post-master gives me both hands full of letters. Somemes inquiries regarding myself are made, but I keep still. So would you in my place; but I talk nough in print, for I know you will never see me to know how homely, painfully homely, I am. Now about moss. Send me half a dozen two-cent stamps for postage, and I will send you a nice package.-Mrs. F. A. Warner, Jacksonville, Fia.

OUR BOOK CIRCLE. How many of the C. C. bave read Whittier's soems? Do you not think "Snow Bound" very me? If you have not read it, do not fail to do so .-Edna M. Poor, Independence, Iowa, I have read "Uncle Tom's Cabin" for the first time, and am prouder than ever of being the son of a veteran-one of the brave men who freed an enslaved race. Wish all the sons and daughters of veterans would read it.—Daniel Gazeland, Camp. 24, S. of V., Sherrard, W. Va. The Eden described by Dickens in "Martin huzzlewit " was scarcely more exaggerated than sre the other " Edens' by the real-estate agents of

to-day.-Cleena Vann. If the C. C. have not read "At the Mercy of Tiberius" and "St. Eimo," by Augusta J. Evans, they should do so. Everyone will feel better after reading the noble Christian life of Edna Earl in St. Elmo."-Mary Miller, Clarksville, O. The novelists I would commend are Dickens, oe, Holland, Caroline Holmes and Marion Harand. Whoever reads their books carefully will be benfited. Will Carleton is a favorite poet. - M.

Van Pelt, Rhodes, Iowa.
I have just finished the "Scottish Chiefs," and ope all the C. C. may sometime read this fine distorie romance. "Ben Hur" is one of my favorites, but the book of my choice is the Bible.-Lizzie Webb, Sciota, Iil. Does no one care for my favorite novelists, "Rita," Bertha M. Clay and "Ouida"? Surely some of you have read Bertha M. Clay's delightful English tories, the sparkling productions of the brilliant 'Ouida," or " Rita's" intense poetical productious, which I enjoy beyond words to express.-Eva T. Pryor, Providence, R. I.

Have any of the Circle read "Moths"? It is out Princess Vere." there would be more truth in the world than there is. Rider Haggard's "She" gave me the nightmare. I think a man with such an magination would be afraid to go to bed in the dark.-Gladys Marshall, Willow City, N. D. Books Recommended: "Shams," by Benjamin Morgan, for light reading.—M. E. Waliace, Lisbon,

Longfellow, Whittier, Poe, Emerson, Cooper and Shakspere, - Newton C. Myers, Myers, Tenn. Hattie Kelly: I have read Edward Bellamy's Looking Backward," and think that what we low regard as an idle dream may yet be realized, dging the future by the past.-Daisy Barnes, San

Books are masters who instruct us. If we apbroach them, we find they sleep not; if we seek nem, they do not hide; if we attempt to read them and blunder, they do not chide; if we are young or morant, they do not make light of our youth, or ugh at our ignorance. But if we give them our ime and attention they will repay us threefold, and most theroughly fit us to glide smoothly over the rough pathway of life,-Maggie E. Norman, Hattie Kelley: Buddha preached a better abstract

system than does Edward Bellamy in "Looking Backward," and a more foolishly and outrageously governed populace than the Asiatic Buddhists yould be hard to find. Practical nationalism, if it were a possibility in man's present state, would be like an accesthetic; it might relieve pain, but it would benumb action. It might be pleasant for the weak and nervous, but it would be the duliness of an enchanted castle for the men who have within them the strength to achieve. It would be flavorless existence and certain deterioration,-C. W. Scott. I am another of Longfellow's admirers. James G. Clark is also one of my favorites. How many of the C. C. have read Clark's "Mount of the Holy Cross, or the Snow Cross of the Rockies"? The Sount of the Holy Cross is the principal mountain of the Saguncia range, Colorado, and is 14,175 feet bove the sea. The cross is near the top, facing east, and consists of two crevices filled with snow ummer and Winter. The creviers are 50 feet wide. and the snow in them is from 50 to 100 feet in depth he perpendicular arm of the cross is about 15,000 cet long, and the horizontal arm is 700 feet. It can be seen about 40 miles. The following are a few nes from Clark's poem:

As long as the incense from ocean shall rise To weave its bright woof on the warp of the skies, As long as the clouds into crystals shall part, That cross shall gleam high on the Continent's -Wesley Treer, Princeton, Minn.

The Carlous Corner. Answers to questions will not be published with. two or three weeks after questions appear. So all will have a chance to send replies and receive conorable mention with the number answered. It is said that Shakspere found 4,000 words suffi-

ient for all his works. The longest distance over which conversation by dephone is daily maintained is about 750 miles, rom Portland, Me., to Buffalo, N. Y. The oldest and largest tree in the world is the nestnut near the foot of Mount Etna, the circumerence of the trunk being 212 feet. Gov. Bradford, of the Plymouth Colony, Issued he first proclamation for Thanksgiving, and appointed the 22d of February, 1631. The Jews were banished from Rome by Tiberius esar about 19 A. D., because he was Jealous of

heir prosperity and religion. 1. What greater calamity than war afflicted Europe in the middle of the 14 century ?-M. Annie Who, in a frail cance on a stormy night, visited an Indian wigwam to save the lives of his enc-

3. What State furnished the greatest number of olored troops during the late war ?- Eisle M. Wil-4. What ex-President of the United States was n the Confederate Congress?—Rosa Haynes,

BIBLE BRIGADE. Cornelius was told by an angel that his ways pleased God. (Acts 10:3, 4.) St. Luke was styled the Evangelist of Greece. The word carbuncle is first found in Ex., 28: 17.

1. How many times does the Bible speak of the ove of God, and how many times of his wrath?-Cora Martin, Center Point, Iowa. 2. When, where and how did Mary the Mother of Christ die? - Mrs. Skinner. 3. What city did God liken to a dish wiped and urned upside down?-A. Brookins. 4. What does Solomon say is more precious than rubies?-T. E. Owens.

BRAIN-RACKERS.

To Contributors: In sending answers name So, of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE in which the puzzle is found. Answers of guessers may be forwarded within a week after receiving this TEIBUNE. Do not make numerical enigmas of your own names. Answers must accompany all puzzles forwarded. CONUNDRUMS.

1. When is a conundrum like the best seat in the ear?-Lulu M. Hackman. 2. Why is Satan always a gentleman ?-S. W. Chompson, Lebanon, O.

BEHEADMENT AND CURTAILMENT, As I stand I am an ardent sprit; behead me, and I am a disorderly woman; again, and I am a boy's nickname. Restore my head and curtail me, and I am a mark; curtail again, and leave the outer covering of wheat; behead, and leave did run; behead again, and leave an adjective,-George W. Buker, Negunda, Neb.

THE FORTUNE TELLER'S AID. My first is a tree growing in a warm land, 'Tis also a part of a fair lady's hand; Add to it a verb—the most common you know; Last of all take a word that, alone, doth show That to do something you do endeavor, With it for a motto you may succeed ever.

The fortune teller, by aid of me. Will give you a glimpse of futurity. -Eva E. Grate, Oceanside, Cal. NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

I am composed of eight letters: My 1, 2, 3 is a boy's nickname. My 4 is an interjection. My 5, 6, 7, 8 composes a chain. Whole, I am an American bird. -Marie Turrell, Cumminsville, Cincinnati, O.

Kiss and Never Tell. [Terre Haute Express.] He-How can I ever thank you for such a sweet kiss as that? She-Oh, don't mention it, please.

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Some Practical Suggestions for Our

Agricultural Readers. NEW BRAZIETAN PLOUR CORN.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I would like to tell your readers my experience with this corn, which is claimed by some seedsmen to make flour equal to wheat. I saw it advertised by a well-known seed-house, and being anxious to try the corn myself, I bought a quart, which I planted. I played my ground deep, and manured it well with well-rotted manure. I barrowed it theroughly until it was in good order, and marked it out both ways three and a half by three and a half feet. I planted May 15, three grains in a bill. When up, I harrowed it the same as if there was no corn, which I think is better than the first plowing. In a few days it came up. It grew slowly for the and the written history is of no consequence so first two weeks, after which time it made a far as respects accuracy. very rapid and vigorous growth. The stalks stooled from the ground like sorghum, and grew seven to eight feet high, each grain producing four to six stalks, and each stalk started from three to six shoots, but only three or four of the shoots would develop into ears. The ears were from four to seven inches in circumference and from seven to nine inches long; grain very white and soft. I cut it Sept. 15. About four weeks afterward, when the fodder or stalk got dry, I husked it, selecting the best ears for my experiment. A shelled it and dried it thoroughly before taking to the mill. One day it rained, which delayed my work. I took it to the mill and had it ground and bolted, same as wheat flour. I came home and told my wife that I wanted her to make me some biscuits of this flour, which she did. We ate them, and I say that it does not even make good corn bread, much less wheat bread. Let me tell you it is all bosh about making bread equal to wheat. The only thing I could recommend it for, is that it would make good fodder. It is too late for this part of the country .-J. L. S., Chicago, Ill.

FEEDING FOR MANUEL.

Recently we gave an account of fattening lambs as tried by the Cornell University. This week we will give the value in manure of the manure. With lambs so highly fed as these | hall, stairs led to the roof. In thickly-settled were, it is altogether likely that more than 80 places bouses were built in long rows, their per cent, of the manurial value of the foods | roofs connecting so that one could go a long

ration for lot 1 was \$3.70, and the value of the aperture in the roof might be called an manurial value \$3.56; for lot 3, \$4.78, and They let the man down through an opening of and the manurial value \$1.97. From these 2:4.) may mean to remove the canvas which exhalf of any of the rest.

farm represents a large part, if not the whole, of the profit made from feeding a lot of anireceive our most careful consideration.

QUINCE CULTURE. There is perhaps no fruit easier raised or more profitable than the quince. The demand for it is greater than several times the present supply, and at good prices. It may be that the carcity of good quieces is owing to the fact that it is a bruit which cannot be treated with neglect, and yet it is very generally neglected by the majority of those who grow it. It cannot e successfully grown without cultivation and care, but there is no secret about it, and it asks only for the same attention that is necessary to obtain a satisfactory crop of grapes or other

The best soil for quinces is a moist but porous soil-not a wet one. Set the trees six or eight feet apart. Examine them before planting and see that they are entirely free of the berer. or more, hence this should be kept in mind when pruning. The best varieties are Meech's variety that will not ripen very far North, as keeper. - Orchard and Garden.

HARROWING WHEAT IN SPRING. We have made repeated trials with harrowing wheat in Spring with a smoothing-harrow. the work being done first as soon as the ground was sufficiently hard and dry, and again when about a foot high. Breaking the hardened crust and making a fine, mellow surface among the plants, had obviously an excellent effect; the heads of wheat were longer than usual, and the increase was estimated at five bushels more per acre than unharrowed wheat. The last barrowing was accompanied with the sowing of clover seed, which succeeded well and produced a good growth. At the last harrowing the harrow was passed over the wheat twice. the first before sowing the clover seed and the last after the operation. Any slant-tooth harrow, with numerous fine teeth, will answer. The teeth need not be sharp, provided they are sufficiently so to mellow the crust; generally, however, the sharper the better .- Country Gentleman.

-Prepare the seed boxes. Let them be about three inches deep. Bore holes in the bottom. Let the soil be rich and melllow, and do not fear a liberal proportion of sand. - Raspberries are very partial to manure,

and no crop responds better to a free application of manure and fertilizers. Size and qualty largely depend on the manure and cultivation given the crop in the early part of the season. - Slow-germinating seeds, such as parsley,

carrots and parsnips, should be of the best quality, and should be planted early, so as to take advantage of the Spring rains in order to have the young plants well advanced in growth | ried up. Another obstacle presented itselfshould go in as soon as the ground is warm. -It is yet a long time before any seeds of

melons can be planted; but the melon hills, made up of plenty of manure, will be in excellent condition for growing a crop if the hills are made ready in time to allow the manure to rot in the hills. - The liberal use of land-plaster in the sta-

land, will be found one of the cheapest and best sorbent and deodorizer.

depends upon perfect union or solidifying of the tion is made of the disease in the Old Testadiseased bones. In acute inflammatory cases ment. In the case before us we may suppose nature works the change, but in the ulcerative | the disorder due to some particular lines of disstage assistance is required. Therefore, an active inflammation in the joint is required to overcome the ulcerative process and induce new deposits of bone to be thrown out. For this purpose, take of bin-iodide of mercury one drachm; lard, two ounces. Mix well together. Shave off the hair, and rub the part once a day for six or eight days, washing before each renewed application with warm water and soap. At the end of the time named wash the parts with proof-spirits. If the desired effect is not produced, repeat it.

SUNDAY MEDITATION.

Practical Paties Taught by a Study of the International Sanday-school Lesson Appointed for March 23, St. Luke, 5:17-29. IOne reading these notes should first earefully

sindy the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as SUBJECT: THE PARALYTIC BROUGHT BY FOUR AND CURED BY CHRIST. 1. Data.

We have three accounts of this miracle, to wit. St. Matt., 9:2-8; St. Mark, 2:1-12; St. Luke, 5: 17-26. The last one is appointed for other two. Though St. Matthew was most kely a witness, he writes the briefest account. If he were not actually present when the mirade was performed, he must have heard all about it, seeing that he lived in the city where it was wrought and was a man in public life. it, Mark's account is fullest. He mentions several particulars for which, as students, we are very grateful to him. To men writing unfer the guidance and suggestions of the Holy Spirit personal knowledge as to events reported is not necessary. (2 Pet., 1:21.) And to such the interval of 30 years between events for paralytics. We have one in our country in

2. Time. This miracle was effected, we may say, in March, A. D. 27, or 1,863 years ago. We find hat Christ went to Capernaum, remained a while, and then set out on a sort of circuit through some of the towns of Galilee. (St. Mark, 1: 21, 38, 39.) St. Mark, 2: 1, states He returned. We do not know how long He was absent. The "some days" (St. Mark, 2:1) seem to be covered by St. Mark, 1:39. St. Luke, 5: 17, gives the definite day. 3. Where.

This miracle was wrought at Capernaum,

(St. Mark, 2:1.) That was Christ's "own city." (St. Matt., 9: 1. Compare 11:23.) The cure took place in a house. We are probably to understand St. Peter's residence. (St. Matt. 8: 14, 20; 17: 24, 25; St. Mark, 1: 29; St. Luke, 4:38.) We are informed that the miracle was performed in probably the court of the house, Eastern houses were made with flat roofs, In the center of the roof a square, large aperture was left, which went down through the entire house. From the bottom or floor of this aperture inmates could look up through the open center of the dwelling to the sky. The base was generally a solid pavement. Persons were prevented from falling over down through this aperture to the pavement below by a railing, having such names as balustrade, balcony, breastwork, parapet. All the rooms of the house opened in the rear into this central court, We may say that each house was square, food fed to the different lots. The basis of | built around a middle central court. There calculation has been that 80 per cent, of the | was a single front door, opening into a hall manurial value of the food is recovered in the running through to the central court. In the distance on said roofs. Over the aperture in With nitrogen reckoned at 17 cents per the roof an awning was often drawn to keep out pound, phosphoric acid at seven cents and pot- heat and rain. The roofs were often made of ash at four and one-half cents, the cost of the | burnt clay, formed into tiles or slabs, and hence manure given \$1.12; for lot 2, \$4.63, and the opening through the tiling. (St. Luke, 5:19.) value of manure \$2.10, and for lot 4, \$4.51, the tiled roof. To uncover the roof (St. Mark. figures it will be seen that lot 2 cost more | tended over the opening of the roof. "It" (St. than any of the others, yet when the value of Mark, 2:4,) is not in the original (Greek), and the manure is subtracted the cost is less than | we may understand by that pronoun, the railing around the central opening of the roof. It would The value of the manure made from the | be difficult to get the man up over that. To make animals fed is a matter of prime importance to | it easier for the four men, and specially for the all farmers. Often the manure left on the patient, they may have broken away a portion of the balustrade. To get the man upon the roof of St. Peter's house was impracticable on mals. The figures given are certainly worth | account of the crowd. The four probably went careful consideration by those who are accus- to the porch of a neighboring residence, astomed to buy commercial fertilizers at the cended the stairs to the roof, and then passed prices given above, since a large portion of along over the several connected roofs till they rable land in this country is cultivated at a | reached the opening down into the court of the positive loss, or at a very small profit, and the | house where Jesus was. "Into the midst" (St. cason for this is largely due to want of plant- | Luke, 5: 19,) means into the middle of the food in the soil, and therefore the value of the house, to wit, through the central opening. voidings of the animals and the character of Or the idea may be that they let the man down the plants raised on the farm must necessarily | into the very presence of Christ-into, as it were, his very arms-between him and the surging masses. We remember the hight of the rooms was not great. We may therefore suppose, as art generally has pictured in representing the scene, that they tied ropes to the four corners of the pallet, letting the man down

> into the court. It seems from St. Matt., 9:7, that the sick man had a house. Perhaps, however, the reference is not to ownership. The residence was probably in Capernaum. A man so utterly relpless could not have been brought on a mat

4. The Patient.

We do not know the name of the sick man. He was probably an adult, and yet a youth. Christ, though himself not much over 30 years of age, called the patient "son" (St. Matt., 9:2), or child. But St. Luke, 5:20, has the Apply a bandage of tarred muslin around the | title "man." We may infer he was full grown trees, reaching down the stem as far as possible | from the fact it required four men to carry and extending about six inches above ground. him. The extreme helplessness of the person, Examine trees for the borer twice a year-in and pessibly the great pain from any jolting, Spring and Fall. Cultivate well, keeping the | may have required four men rather for the soil frequently stirred. Apply a top-dressing | comfort of the sick person than because of of salt around the tree as far as the roots ex- actual weight and size. We do not know how tend, at the rate of from two to three quarts long the man had suffered. We are not probper tree. Prune every Spring, keeping the ably to understand St. Mark, 1:32, and St. bush open to the air and light. The fruit is | Luke, 4:40, as absolutely universal, and so borne on spurs produced on wood of two years | infer the man of the palsy contracted the disease since that curing of all persons sick in Capernaum. Being an adult, it is quite likely Prolific and the Orange. Champion is a late | the patient was a married person, since the almost universal custom was to wed, and to wed it requires a longer season. It is fully two early in life. He had friends. We cannot weeks later than Orange, and is an excellent | state whether the idea of cure through Christ originated with the four or with the patient. It became known that Jesus was performing wonderful cures. The palsied man could not go to Christ. Hence, four friends interested for to hear from my claim? Answer. In a few months the sick man went to his home and offered assistance in getting him to Jesus. The patient was a sinner. We would think he had been rather noted for evil. At any rate, his sin was the feature which first of all attracted the attention of the Savior. It is possible the idea of his sinfulness was uppermost in the mind of the sick man-that Christ recognized that fact, and wanted at once to repossible the man's disease was due to some well- after March 4, 1800, he can get \$72. known dissoluteness. But however this be, it is more important one be forgiven of sin than cured of disease. Righteousuess is first, and other things afterward. Jesus rightly ranked salvation as of most value, and taught the world for all time the relative position of piety. We are not to suppose the man totally passive. He probably exercised faith.

5. The Four Helpers. We owe to the account given by St. Mark our knowledge of the number engaged in assisting in getting the sick man to Christ. (St. Mark, 2:3.) They were true friends. Learning of the power of Jesus, they recalled the helpless condition of the sick young man. They dier shall be regarded as having been sound when went to his home and proffered their aid. They were very eager for the cure. They "sought' (St. Luke, 5:18) means. They did not easily give up. "Find" in next verse corresponds with "sought," Then, having sought thus far unsuccessfully, they carried the man up to the housetop of a neighboring residence. It must have been a labor. The patient had to be carbefore the dry season comes on. The seeds | the balustrade and a covered roof. They broke away part of the parapet. Then they were just above Christ. Carefully and evidently laboriously and concertedly they let the man down before the very face of Christ. 6. The Disease.

Palsy is a general name. It is a loss of con- their neighbors, would be accepted to establish a trol in whole or part of one's motions—muscutrol in whole or part of sensation in the whole

J. M., North Hollis, Me.—My claim for bounty of lar relaxation, want of sensation in the whole ble, in the manure heap, and even on the grass | body, or a part thereof. Paralysis is strictly palsy in a part of the body. Apoplexy affects modes of saving manure and increasing the the entire body. Hemiplegy is of one-half the yield of crops. Plaster is slightly soluble in | body longitudinally. Paraplegy applies to the water, and affords lime for plants as soon as body below the neck. There are other cases of applied to the crops. It is also an excellent ab- palsy in the New Testament-probably the man sick for 38 years, the man with withered - The removal of lameness in bone spavin hand, and the centurion's servant. No mensoluteness.

7. The Parenthesis. That was cruel of the Pharisees to keep the

sufferer from immediate cure by the interposition of their casuistry. They raised questions creating a discussion, while the patient lingered in pain and hope. The question they brought up was, however, very important. They admitted that forgiveness of sins is exclusively a divine prerogative. If Christ were but man he was guilty of gross sin and worthy the censure received. The watchfulness of the Pharisees and their jealousy for God's honor Every mother should keep Ayer's Cherry were commendable. It is evident Christ's position amounted to a claim of Divinity.

8. The Cure.

a. The Doctor? Christ. b. The prescription? A command. c. Condition? The faith of the four. d. Kind of? 1. Immediate. 2. Complete.

3. Permanent. 4. Public. There were many witnesses. They were learned men. There was not a collusion with Christ. c. Reporters? Sts. Matt., Mark and Luke. St. Matthew probably witnessed the miracle. And St. Luke was a physician. f. Effects. 1. On the man-complete cure:

great joy, and thankfulness to God. 2. On the crowd - they marveled; glorified God; were amazed; feared, (Read the three acour study, but we should critically read the | counts.) 3. On Pharisees - jealousy and hatred, 4. On us-faith in Christ's divine power; faith in his willingness to aid us; faith in Christian-

9. Suggestions.

1. Sin is sickness. (Is., 1:6; Ps., 51:7.) Each physical miracle is but a picture of what Christ is willing and able to do for our souls. 2. If sick physically go to Christ. He is full of sympathy. Prayers for the sick are proper. 3. On recovery from sickness return thanks to God. (See St. Luke, 5; 25.) 4. Help the sick. There should be institu-

tions, charitable and otherwise, in particular special for paralytic children—the Hospital Cottages at Baldwin ville, Mass., under the superintendence of Dr. Everett Flood. 5. Remember Christ knows our thoughts. (St. Matt., 9:4.)

6. Be of some four bent on doing good. Individual work, as, e. g., St. Andrew for St. Peter, is well, but there is call also for co operative enterprises. Bring the morally-paralyzed to the Church, to the Bible Class, to the Font, to 7. Be sure you are right before you criticize,

Men are not consistent who charge others with blasphemy, but who themselves have evil in their hearts. (Compare St. Matt., 9: 3, 4.) 8. Overcome obstacles in doing good. 9. Crowd about Christ; attend Church serv-

10. Make personal application of the lessons taught by this paragraph.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS. Replies to Questions on a Variety of Interesting

Sublects. 1 To Correspondents.-Write questions on a separate sheet of paper, give full name and address, and mark it "Correspondents' Column." No attention will be paid to communications that are not accompanied with full name and address of writer. Our readers are requested to inclose a stamp for reply to their inquiries. Postal cards will be ephed to by mail only. Replies by mail will ordinarily be made within a week, and if in this col-

umn within three weeks, i E. G. R., Washington, D. C.-1. A soldier's claim seing rejected upon a technical point, and appeal seing taken, if a favorable decision of the appeal is granted, will his widow be entitled to his money in ase he dies during the pendency of the appeal? . Is a widow of a deceased soldier considered sol lier's wife and his widow from the date of her marriage until she remarries? Auswer. 1. Yes. 2. A idow is considered as such until she remarries: then her status as widow ends, but that does not deprive her of any rights which she may have had

or the period prior to her remarriage. S. D. R., Parsons, Fa.-If an American citizen while in a foreign country becomes the parent of children, of what nationality are the children? Answer, Section 1993, Revised Statutes United States, provides: "All children heretofore born hereafter born out of the limits or jurisdic tion of the United States, whose fathers were or may be at the time of their birth citizens thereof. are declared to be citizens of the United States; but the right of citizenship shall not descend to hildren whose fathers never resided in the United E. O. H., Ozark, Mo.-Can a man drawing a pen-

sion for disabilities due to the late war receive a pension as a survivor of the Mexican war? Anwer. Two pensions cannot be drawn for the same period of time, but if the disability pension is less than \$8 per month, the certificate could be surren ered and a certificate on account of service in the Mexican war accepted, which would entitle the ensioner to \$8 per month from Jan, 29, 1887, deducting all payments made on the disability certificate since said date. F. W. Ransomville, Kan.-Soldier was discharged or disability, and prior to 1880 filed an applicaion for pension. Claim has been allowed, and

pension begins in 1881. Why did he not get arears? Answer. We do not know, but the pre umption is that either the original application did ot reach the Pension Office until after June 30. 1850, or that the pensioned disability was not aleged till after June 30, 1880. The Commissioner of 'ensions can fully explain. W. L. S., Chana, Ill. - Has Congress made an appropriation for the payment of claims of remusterd officers? Answer. Not yet, but it is expected that an appropriation for the payment of such claims will be available about the middle of April. Mrs. J. N., Red Oak, Iowa.-A dependent father,

hose son died in the service, is granted pension beginning in 1887. Why is he not entitled to arrears as well as the widows of soldiers? Auster, By act of March 3, 1879, the pension of a dependent parent, whose application was not filed prior to July 880, cannot be paid for any period prior to date of filling the application. The net of June 7, 1888, repealed this act only with respect to those claiming sension as the widows of soldiers dying from causes originating in line of duty in the military or naval grvice since March 4, 1861. W. R. S., Delphi, Ind.-A soldier, through an at-

torney, makes application for pension. If such laim has been allowed, or is now pending, can be apply on a new disability; can be employ a new torney in such new claim, and what fee can the attorney contract for? Answer. In either event a claim on a new disability can be made and a new attorney selected in said new claim, and such new ttorney can contract for a fee of \$25. If the original claim was allowed prior to the allegation of the new disability, the old attorney could get a \$25 fee on the new disability by filing contracts; but if it was alleged before the issue of the first pension certificate, the old attorney could make no charge, as he is bound to prosecute for one fee all disabili ties alleged prior to the issue of the first pension certificate.

T. P. K., Cherry Ford, O .- In order to get a claim in the "Completed Files," 1. Can a claimant without the intervention of an attorney make the request? 2. Can the request be made in an increase claim before the applicant has been examined; and . Are claims placed in this file by the Pension Office clerks, without a request? Austernal, Yes.

 No. 3, Yes.
 J. A. H., Franklin, N. C.—My claim for increase was rejected last November. On Feb. 1, 1890, I filed a new application and medical evidence showing I am entitled to a higher rate. When will I be likely

F. M. H., Marquess, W. Va .- A soldier enlisted in June, 1863, for three years, and served out the fulterm of his collstment, having been sent West after the close of the war. Was he entitled to veteran bounty? Answer, No; because he served but one term of enlistment; no man who served but one term of culistment is entitled to veteran bounty. J. S., Sterling, Kan.-A soldier gets \$50 per month pension, as he requires regular and and attendance is this the rate for total helpicssness, and can he lieve the sufferer of said burden. It was quite | get a higher pension? Answer. Yes; from and C. H., Williamstown, W. Va.-What are the pro

visious of H. R. bill No. 3330? Answer, Briefly stated, the bill provides a pension of 550 per month for the loss of a hand or foot; \$100 per month for the loss of both hands or both feet or a hand and a foot, or loss of both eyes; that the rate for two or more disabilities shall per month the sum equal to the rates for all of said disabilities, and provides for arrears at the same rate as may be specified in the last certificate; it also contains a provision for J. P. W., Killingly, Conn.—How shortly after reference to the "Completed Files" can action be expected? Answer. No definite reply can be made;

at the delay will not be great, as such claims reseive greater attention than those which are incom-J. B. W., Denver, Colo. - Is it not a law that a solaccepted into the United States service? Answer. The only law directly bearing upon the question is the act of March 3, 1885, which declares that prior oundness shall be presumed, but that such preumption may be rebutted. W. M. R., Clifton Mills, W. Va .- Under the new

dills, how much per month will I draw for loss of

leg? Answer. We do know to what bill you refer, as there are several. See reply to C. H. as to H. R. G. W. L., Northville, N. Y .- Soldier was married December, 1855. Never had a marriage certificate. In the event of his death, how can his widow prove he marriage? Answer. In the absence, properly ecounted for, of any record, or the affidavits of the person officiating, or of witnesses to the ceremony, the testimony of competent witnesses that soldier and his wife had lived together in the marriage re-

lation, and had been regarded as man and wife by

\$200 has been allowed, and I was informed last October that it awaited an appropriation. When shall get my money? Answer. Probably about the middle of April. A. R., Sharon Grove, Ky .- What has become o the bill to pension the survivors of the Black Hawk

war, which was introduced during the last session of Congress? Answer, All such bills are inoperative, and die with the adjournment of that Congress in which they were introduced. There are, howover, several bills in this Congress which, if passed, would relieve the survivors of the various Indian I. N. M., Moody, Mo. - A dependent father applies

for pension and dies prior to its settlement, leaving a widow, who was stepmother to the soldier, and several children. Can these children, the brothers and sisters of the soldier, complete the father's claim or can the widow? Answer. The widow is the only person who has a right to complete the claim and to receive the pension. Such pension would terminate at date of death of the father of the soldier.

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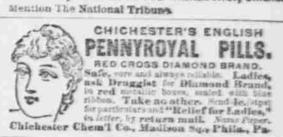
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